

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 CANBER 03548 100656Z

20

ACTION NEA-16

INFO OCT-01 EA-11 IO-14 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03

INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-03

SS-20 USIA-15 OMB-01 ACDA-19 SCI-06 FEA-02 MC-02

NASA-04 DRC-01 /151 W

----- 093397

R 100612Z JUN 74

FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3357

INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

USMISSION USUN

USMISSION GENEVA

C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 3548

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PARM, AS

SUBJECT: INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION

1. WILLIAM PRITCHETT, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY PLANNING, RAISED IMPLICATIONS OF INDIAN ACTION WITH DCM JUNE 7. PRITCHETT SAID HE WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED AT DESTABLIZING EFFECT, AND CITED "UNEASY SIGNALS" AUSTRALIANS HAVE RECEIVED FROM ITALIANS AND GERMANS REGARDING NPT. PRITCHETT SAID THAT ADOD WAS PRESSING WITHIN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR TOUGHTER GOA CRITICISM OF INDIANS AND A CALL FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION TO REAFFIRM NPT PRINCIPLES.

2. PRITCHETT SAID HE BELIEVED THAT FIRM LEADERSHIP FROM US IN THIS DIRECTION WOULD STRIKE A RESPONSIVE CHORD IN AUSTRALIAN LABOR GOVERNMENT. IN FACT, THIS ISSUE COULD MAKE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO REBUILDING CLOSE US/AUSTRALIAN RELATIONSHIP. PRITCHETT SAID HE WAS PUZZLED BY SILENCE FROM WASHINGTON ON A QUESTION WHICH SEEMED TO CALL FOR U.S. LEADERSHIP.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 CANBER 03548 100656Z

3. LATER IN DAY, PRITCHETT'S SUPERIOR, SIR ARTHUR TANGE, PERMANENT HEAD OF ADOD, MENTIONED SAME SUBJECT TO AMBASSADOR DURING MEETING ON ANOTHER MATTER. TANGE COMMENTED THAT GOA KNEW INDIAN CLAIM OF "PEACEFUL APPLICATIONS" WAS A CANARD. HOWEVER, IF INDIANS GOT AWAY WITH THIS OTHERS WOULD TRY SAME MANEUVER. IT SHOULD BE BROUGHT OUT CLEARLY AND PUBLICLY THAT THE "PEACEFUL USES" COVER WAS NOT CREDIBLE, THAT US HAD DEVOTED GREAT EFFORT TO PLOUGHSHARE AND HAD ABANDONED THE CONCEPT FOR PRATICAL AS WELL AS POLITICAL REASONS. HE FELT AUSTRALIAN LABOR GOVERNMENT WOULD RESPOND POSITIVELY TO AN INITIATIVE DESIGNED TO SET THIS MATTER STRAIGHT AND REAFFIRM NPT. TANGE ADDED HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT A REVIVAL OF SUPPORT FOR NPT PROBABLY REQUIRED POSITIVE INCENTIVES FOR PARTICIPANT COUNTRIES AS WELL AS THE OBVIOUS NEGATIVE INCENTIVE OF LIMITING GLOBAL DESTABLIZATION. HE DID NOT ENLARGE ON THIS POINT.
GREEN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NPT, INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE, POLICIES, NUCLEAR TESTS, PUBLIC ATTITUDES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 10 JUN 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: smithrj
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974CANBER03548
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740148-0190
From: CANBERRA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740661/aaaabzyu.tel
Line Count: 80
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: smithrj
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 15 APR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <15 APR 2002 by garlanwa>; APPROVED <06 MAR 2003 by smithrj>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION
TAGS: PFOR, PARM, AS, (PRITCHETT, WILLIAM)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005